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STUDENTS OFFERED CHANCES
FOR SUMMER JOBS
IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



TORONTO--The Ontario government has just renewed a program that will give 250 college students a chance to gain practical experience in municipal government administration and planning.

In announcing the renewal, Ontario Treasurer W. Darcy McKeough said the program, known as Involvement in Municipal Administration (IMA), is open to students enrolled in public or business administration or urban or regional planning courses at universities or community colleges. The program, now entering its third year, will run from April through September.

To encourage municipalities to employ students under the IMA program, the Ontario government offers to reimburse the municipalities for up to 80 per cent of the students' salaries, for a maximum subsidy of \$100 a week per student.

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In a letter to all Ontario municipalities, Mr. McKeough said the program offers advantages both to the students and to the municipalities employing them.

"The student is not only provided with an opportunity to gain practical experience and to develop his or her academic training but can also assess the advantages of pursuing a career in local government.

"At the same time municipal officials will be able to undertake studies, surveys and other projects which probably would not be otherwise possible."

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This year's program is intended to provide for about 250 positions--125 for planning students and 125 for public or business administration students, but these figures are flexible and "will be altered if the demand so indicates," the Treasurer said.

Eligible students are invited to inquire about IMA at the employment offices of their colleges or universities.

Last year, about 130 municipalities and 270 students took part in the program.

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